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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 31 to page 12, line 6 with the amended paragraph below:

To facilitate coupling a plurality of storage servers (110_1 through 110_n) to one another and increasing the number of users that may be served data, one or more ports on each side of the switch are coupled to another server. Paths 602 couple the modulator/demodulator side 218 of switch 220 to the modulator/demodulator side 218 of switch 220_2 within server 110_2 . Similarly, path 604 couples the server side parts 214 to the server side 214 248 of switch 220_2 . In this manner, the switches of a plurality of servers are coupled to one another.